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OPA Daily Digest for 6/4/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) – Letter – 4/23/13: Constituent concerns about selling/purchasing land that is designated as part of a Superfund site in Jefferson and St. Francois counties. Due: 5/18/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Associated Press, Omaha – Josh Funk – 6/3/13 – Questions about June 4 EPA News Conference for Omaha Lead Site, Omaha, Neb. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Omaha World-Herald – Erin Golden – 6/4/13 – Attended EPA News Conference for Omaha Lead Site. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Associated Press, Omaha – Josh Funk – 6/3/13 – Attended EPA News Conference for Omaha Lead Site. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

KETV Ch. 7, Omaha – Jeremy Maskel – 6/4/13 - Attended EPA News Conference for Omaha Lead Site. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Countian, Jefferson County, Mo. – Cathy Lenny - Questions and interview regarding comments and comment period for Rotary Drilling. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 and Beckie Himes, 7253. (Closed)

KSGM/KBDZ Sainte Genevieve, Mo. - Don Pritchard - Questions and interview regarding comments and comment period for Rotary Drilling. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 and Beckie Himes, 7253. (Closed)

KRVN Radio, Lexington, Neb. – Mike LaPorte – Questions on how to pronounce “Perciasepe” in Food Waste Challenge.

Environmental Stories:

Kansas City Star - Guest Opinion: EPA’s feedlot control still lagging - 6/4/13 - As huge livestock farms have boomed in the U.S. the last 30 years, federal environmental regulators have failed to keep up. Even efforts to identify and track possible factory-farm polluters — much less stop them — have been cut back in the face of legal and agribusiness pressures. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/06/04/4273134/epas-feedlot-control-still-lagging.html>

St. Louis Business Journal - Bridgeton Landfill completes major step to eliminate odor - 6/3/13 - Republic Services of Bridgeton has removed six reinforced concrete pipes from the Bridgeton Landfill, which were a main cause of its subsurface smoldering and smell, Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster announced Monday. <http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/blog/2013/06/bridgeton-landfill-completes-major.html>

WHO-TV Ch. 13 Des Moines - DM Water Works Criticizes Nutrient Reduction Strategy (+video) - 6/6/13 - The Des Moines Water Works detected increased nitrates in the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers in May. Nutrients that went unused by corn and soybean plants in last year’s drought ran off of farms across the state during the wettest spring on record this year. <http://whotv.com/2013/06/04/agribusiness-dm-water-works-criticizes-nutrient-reduction-strategy/>

Kansas City Star - Editorial: Kansans can breathe easier for now | Court ruling against coal-fired plant is deserved - 6/3/13 - Dirty coal recently lost again in the courts, handing another deserved setback to plans for building a new power plant in western Kansas. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/06/03/4266700/kansans-can-breathe-easier-for.html>

WOWT Ch. 6 Omaha - EPA Grant to Clean Up Haymarket - 6/4/13 - National and regional EPA officials will visit Lincoln, Neb., on Wednesday, June 5, to present \$400,000 in EPA Brownfields grants to representatives of the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency. <http://www.wowt.com/home/headlines/EPA-Grant-to-Clean-Up-Haymarket->

[210054481.html](#)

FairWarning - As Factory Farms Spread, Government Efforts to Curb Threat From Livestock Waste Bog Down - 5/30/13 - As factory farms take over more and more of the nation's livestock production, a major environmental threat has emerged: Pollution from the waste produced by the immense crush of animals. <http://www.fairwarning.org/about-fairwarning/media-partners/>

CNN - Missouri residents told to evacuate after levee breach - 6/4/13 - Hundreds of people were being evacuated from their homes in Missouri after a levee was breached Monday night. Officials in St. Charles County near St. Louis activated warning sirens after the levee broke, a statement from the county said. <http://www.cnn.com/2013/06/03/us/midwest-weather/index.html>

Des Moines Register - MidAmerican decides against Iowa nuclear plant - 6/3/13 - MidAmerican Energy has scrapped plans for Iowa's second nuclear plant and will refund \$8.8 million ratepayers paid for a now-finished feasibility study, utility officials said Monday. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130603/NEWS/306030045/0/comm/>

Blog for Iowa - Iowa Pulls The Plug On Nuclear Power - 6/4/13 - Pursuit of new nuclear power in Iowa was a bad idea when then governor Tom Vilsack began promoting it, and remains so. MidAmerican Energy's announcement in the Des Moines Register today, that the utility "has scrapped plans for Iowa's second nuclear plant. <http://www.blogforiowa.com/2013/06/04/iowa-pulls-the-plug-on-nuclear-power/>

Omaha World-Herald - \$15 million Green Plains purchase will reopen idled ethanol plant - 6/3/13 - Green Plains Renewable Energy is paying \$15 million in cash for a north-central Nebraska ethanol plant, storage and loading facility. The Atkinson, Neb., plant has been idle since June 2012 and Green Plains said it will staff and re-start the plant within the next month. <http://www.neprepzone.com/article/20130603/MONEY/706049999>

Brownfield Ag News - Green Plains buys idled ethanol plant - 6/3/13 - The ethanol plant at Atkinson, Nebraska, which has been idled since last summer, has been purchased by Green Plain Renewable Energy. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/06/03/green-plains-buys-idled-ethanol-plant/>

Brownfield Ag News - Flooding closes barge traffic on Mississippi - 6/4/13 - Months after near record low water on the Mississippi River threatened to halt barge traffic, a second wave of spring flooding has again closed several locks along the river. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/06/04/flooding-closes-barge-traffic-on-mississippi/>

Planet Ark - Floods halt Mississippi River shipping, shut Port of St Louis - 6/4/13 - The Mississippi River was

effectively closed to barge traffic from northern Iowa to St. Louis as flooding shuttered several locks on the major shipping waterway and stranded at least 70 barges, the U.S. Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers said.
<http://planetark.org/enviro-news/item/68832>

Associated Press - Small towns prepare as flood moves south - 6/3/13 - Heavy rain over the past several days has spurred a second round of spring flooding this year in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. The Mississippi and Missouri rivers have crested in many places north and west of St. Louis — but to the south, the worst was yet to come.
<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/small-mo-towns-preparing-flooding-moves-south>

Missourinet - Corps closes Mississippi River at St. Louis - 6/4/13 - The Corps of Engineers has closed about a 5-mile stretch of the Mississippi River at St. Louis due to high water levels. The River at St. Louis has reached 40 feet, about the 5th or 6th largest flood in the city's history and considered a once-in-twenty-five-years event.

<http://www.missourinet.com/2013/06/04/corps-closes-mississippi-river-at-st-louis/>

Midwest Energy News - State renewable energy laws survive repeal attempts — so far - 6/4/13 - Renewable energy lobbyists are undefeated this year in defending the state-level purchasing mandates that have helped fuel explosive growth in industries like wind and solar. <http://www.midwestenergynews.com/2013/06/04/state-renewable-energy-laws-survive-repeal-attempts-so-far/>

Topeka Capital-Journal - Farmers, power developer at odds over high-voltage line - 6/4/13 - A plan for high-voltage power lines will drive farmers out of business — or provide rural counties with a needed source of revenue, depending on who you ask. <http://cjonline.com/news/business/2013-05-25/farmers-power-developer-odds-over-high-voltage-line>

Des Moines Register (blog) - Climate change could make it harder to meet biofuels goal, study finds - 6/5/13 - The United States could have a hard time meeting its biofuels goals if the earth's climate continues to evolve as predicted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
<http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2013/06/03/climate-change-could-make-it-harder-to-meet-biofuels-goal-study-finds/article>

Des Moines Register - Lack of E15 blamed on refiners - 6/4/13 - Six Iowa gas stations are being forced to stop selling fuel blended with 15 percent ethanol because Big Oil companies don't want to supply them with it, supporters of the corn-based fuel said Monday.
<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130604/BUSINESS/306040075/1001/>

Omaha World-Herald - Much of Platte River valley remains in drought despite recent rains - 6/4/13 - Despite recent rainfall across much of Nebraska, much of the Platte River valley remains in extreme drought, and water

demand for crops could pick up soon. <http://www.omaha.com/article/20130604/NEWS/706049910>

Wichita Business Journal - Southern Star to expand gas pipeline capacity on Mississippian Lime - 6/4/13 - A 6,000-mile natural gas pipeline network that runs through Wichita and across Kansas is getting more capacity. <http://www.bizjournals.com/wichita/news/2013/06/03/southern-star-to-expand-gas-pipeline.html>

Houston Chronicle - Study says climate is biofuel foe - 6/4/13 - A new study suggests demands for water will make it more difficult for the United States to meet current biofuel goals if the climate continues to evolve as predicted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change <http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/energy/article/Study-says-climate-is-biofuel-foe-4573051.php>

Politico - House Republicans dust off energy bills - 6/4/13 - House Republicans are dusting off their long-standing energy messaging for a summertime floor debate on oil and natural gas drilling. <http://www.politico.com/story/2013/06/house-republicans-drilling-pipeline-energy-bills-92166.html>

Washington Post - Keystone opponent Tom Steyer warns Obama to reject pipeline or face backlash - 6/3/13 - Billionaire and climate activist Tom Steyer has written an open letter to President Obama, warning him to reject the Keystone XL pipeline or face an organized rebellion from some of his most loyal supporters later this month. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2013/06/03/keystone-opponent-tom-steyer-warns-obama-to-reject-pipeline-or-face-backlash/>

Inside Climate - Another Major Tar Sands Pipeline Seeking U.S. Permit - 6/3/13 - Canadian energy giant Enbridge is quietly building a 5,000-mile network of new and expanded pipelines that would achieve the same goal as the Keystone. <http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20130603/map-another-major-tar-sands-pipeline-seeking-us-permit>

E&E News - Climate change spells trouble for ethanol -- study - 6/3/13 - Climate change could prove a daunting foe for the U.S. ethanol industry in the next four decades, according to a new study led by researchers from the University of California, Davis, and Houston-based Rice University. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/1059982175/feed>

Associated Press - EPA warehouse needs cleanup; feces, mold found - 6/3/13 - An inspector general's report released Monday found rodent feces, mold and other problems at an EPA storage warehouse in suburban Washington that the government leases for \$750,000 a year. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/06/03/4271238/epa-warehouse-needs-cleanup-feces.html>

Autoblog Green - EPA looks into negative environmental, health effects of li-ion EV batteries - 6/2/13 - Hybrid and plug-in vehicle drivers overly satisfied with what they think is their great effect on the environment may want to get a look at a recent and quite long report released by the US Environmental Protection Agency (written by Abt Associates) about the overall effects of lithium-ion battery production and use.

<http://green.autoblog.com/2013/06/02/epa-looks-into-negative-environmental-health-effects-of-li-ion/>

EnergyWire - With Keystone under scrutiny, TransCanada battles pipe corrosion - 6/3/13 - The workers stripped bare a segment of two pipe ends that had recently been welded. Behind them, another worker waited with plastic sheathing to cover the pipe. For the crew installing the Gulf Coast Project, this is among the standard pipeline industry practices for combating corrosion.

<http://www.eenews.net/energywire/2013/06/03/stories/1059982136>

Reuters - Honeybee food may contribute to U.S. colony collapse - study - 6/3/13 - Bee keepers' use of corn syrup and other honey substitutes as bee feed may be contributing to colony collapse by depriving the insects of compounds that strengthen their immune systems, according to a study released on Monday.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/06/03/us-usa-bees-food-idUSBRE9520XM20130603>

BNB - Power Plants Call on EPA to Repropose Carbon Standard After Missing Deadline - 6/4/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency must repropose its carbon dioxide standard for new fossil fuel-fired power plants after it missed the one-year statutory deadline to finalize the rule, an industry group told the agency in a letter.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=31863296&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d9c8h4r3&split=0

BNB - Companies Sue EPA Over Final Rule Adjusting Allowance System for HCFCs for 2012-2014 - 6/4/13 - Chemical companies are suing the Environmental Protection Agency over a final rule that adjusted the system for setting consumption and production allowances and baselines for two hydrochlorofluorocarbons in 2012-2014.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=31863293&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d9c8f5x7&split=0

BNB - EPA Still Unable to Provide Time Frame For Revising Definition of Solid Waste Rule - 6/4/13 - More than five months after it missed a settlement deadline with the Sierra Club, the Environmental Protection Agency is still unable to provide a firm time frame for finalizing revisions to a Bush-era rule deregulating certain wastes.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=31863291&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d9c8f2g5&split=0

BNB - Study Finds Rise in Economic, Social Costs Of Carbon Emissions Used to Analyze Rules - 6/4/13 - Updated modeling has increased the social and economic impact of carbon dioxide emissions federal agencies will use to calculate the costs and benefits of regulations, according to a new analysis.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=31863290&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d9c8f1d8&split=0

BNB - EPA Reaches Settlement With Landowner Over Unauthorized Disposal of Coal Ash - 6/4/13 - The

Environmental Protection Agency said it has reached a proposed settlement with a Missouri property owner to address environmental impacts from the unauthorized disposal of wastes from a coal-fired power plant.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=31863283&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d9c6q9q9&split=0

BN A - Study Finds Rise in Economic, Social Costs Of Carbon Emissions Used to Analyze Rules - 6/4/13 -

Updated modeling has increased the social and economic impact of carbon dioxide emissions federal agencies will use to calculate the costs and benefits of regulations, according to a new analysis.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=31863290&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d9c8f1d8&split=0

BN A - Companies Need Better Tools to Analyze Climate Data, Insurance Representatives Say - 6/4/13 -

Companies need better tools to analyze climate change data in order to use that information to make business decisions, scientists and insurance industry representatives said June 3.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=31863292&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d9c8f3g9&split=0

Inside EPA - Early Concerns Hint At Senate Debate Over Bipartisan TSCA Reform Bill - 6/3/13 -

Despite broad support, industry and environmentalists are highlighting a suite of concerns with the recently introduced bipartisan Senate bill seeking to reform the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). <http://insideepa.com/Risk-Policy-Report/Risk-Policy-Report-06/04/2013/early-concerns-hint-at-senate-debate-over-bipartisan-tsca-reform-bill/menu-id-130.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Urged To List Lead Paint Risks Before Issuing Commercial Building Rule - 6/3/13 -

Real estate groups and some lawmakers are questioning EPA's legal authority to craft proposed lead-paint regulations covering repairs and renovations of most commercial and public buildings. <http://insideepa.com/Risk-Policy-Report/Risk-Policy-Report-06/04/2013/epa-urged-to-list-lead-paint-risks-before-issuing-commercial-building-rule/menu-id-130.html>

Inside EPA - Xcel Energy Seeks GHG NSPS Recognizing Early Action, State Programs - 6/3/13 -

Xcel Energy is touting principles for greenhouse gas (GHG) new source performance standards (NSPS) for existing power plants that include credit for state clean energy programs and acknowledging utilities' early action extending back roughly a decade. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201306042436413/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/xcel-energy-seeks-ghg-nsps-recognizing-early-action-state-programs/menu-id-202.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Eyes Assistance For Auto-Manufacturing Brownfields - 6/3/13 -

EPA's waste office is eyeing how it can continue to bolster communities struggling to redevelop automotive-manufacturing brownfields sites, outlining three areas in need of greater technical assistance and resources to revitalize these communities.

<http://insideepa.com/201306032436307/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/epa-eyes-assistance-for-auto-manufacturing-brownfields/menu-id-97.html>

Inside EPA - Chambliss Eyes Farm Bill For Push To Eliminate Corn Ethanol From RFS - 6/3/13 - Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) is pushing amendments to the pending Farm Bill that would effectively bar corn ethanol from qualifying for EPA's renewable fuel standard (RFS). <http://insideepa.com/201306032436374/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/chambliss-eyes-farm-bill-for-push-to-eliminate-corn-ethanol-from-rfs/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - Senate Eyes Measure To Block EPA Plan To Ban Sulfuryl Fluoride Fumigant - 6/3/13 - The Senate is poised to consider a bipartisan measure that would block EPA from proceeding with a novel aggregate risk assessment that is forcing officials to seek a ban on a fluoride-based pesticide. <http://insideepa.com/201306032436375/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/senate-eyes-measure-to-block-epa-plan-to-ban-sulfuryl-fluoride-fumigant/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - Water Utilities Urge EPA To Expand FIFRA Assessments Of Triclosan Risks - 6/3/13 - Municipal wastewater treatment facilities are pushing EPA to broaden a planned pesticide program risk assessment of the antimicrobial chemical triclosan, saying the agency's review fails to consider all uses of the chemical. <http://insideepa.com/201306032436320/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/water-utilities-urge-epa-to-expand-fifra-assessments-of-triclosan-risks/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - FERC's Moeller Fears Suits Over Clean Power Policy - 6/3/13 - Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioner (FERC) Philip Moeller fears the commission could face lawsuits as it implements a key policy designed to help develop new inter-regional transmissions lines to connect clean energy resources such as wind to the electric grid. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201306032436323/Clean-Energy-Report-Blog/Clean-Energy-Wire/fercs-moeller-fears-suits-over-clean-power-policy/menu-id-204.html>

Inside EPA - Strict State Cooling Water Permits Stymied By EPA's Delayed Rule, IG Says - 6/4/13 - State permit writers are reluctant to issue strict Clean Water Act (CWA) permits governing power plants' and other facilities' cooling water systems before EPA completes its pending rule, says a recent report from EPA's Inspector General (IG). <http://insideepa.com/201306042436421/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/strict-state-cooling-water-permits-stymied-by-epas-delayed-rule-ig-says/menu-id-95.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

EPA Region 7 Announces Proposed Deletion of 1,154 Properties from National Priorities List at the Omaha Lead Superfund Site – 6/4/13 – Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

EPA y USDA se unen para ayudar a las personas en este país a reducir el desperdicio de alimentos – 6/4/13 – Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

6/5/13 – Meet with Lincoln Public Works Director, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Belinda Young, 7463

6/5/13 – Brownfields Press Event, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Debbie Kring, 7725

6/18/13 – Design Workshop, Joplin, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

6/18/13 – Meet with City of Springfield Officials, Springfield, Mo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

6/19/13 – Joint MDNR/EPA Lead Tour, Springfield, Mo. Contact: Gene Gunn, 7776

6/20/13 – Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

6/20/13 – Congressional Briefing – Bannister Federal Complex, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

6/23-25/13 - Senior Leadership Retreat – Washington, DC. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

6/25/13 – Public Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Debbie Kring, 7725

6/27/13 – Public Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Belinda Young, 7463

7/25/13 – Environmental Conference at the Lake – Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. Contact: Dave Cozad, 7587

7/26/13 – 2013 Regional Local Emergency Planning and Response Conference, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Patrick Bustos, 7969

8/14-15/13 – Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards Ceremony, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

DRA:

None

SA:

None

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

None

ENSV

None

PLMG

6/7/13 – Complete Green Streets Building Blocks workshop, Bellevue, Neb. Contact: David Doyle, 7667.

6/18-20/13 – Complete Green Street Design Workshop, Joplin, Mo. Contact: David Doyle, 7667.

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6/25/13 – Public Meeting for the West Lake Landfill Site, Pattonville High School, Maryland Heights, Mo.

Contacts: Chris Whitley, 7394; Debbie Kring, 7725

6/25/13 – West Lake Public Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Debbie Kring, 7725

6/27/13 – Carter Carburetor Public Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Belinda Young, 7463

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6/5/13 – Kinder Morgan Pipeline Exercise, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Megan Schuette, 7630

6/14/13 – Kansas Emergency Management Hazmat/Radiological Awareness Day, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Manuel Schmaedick, 7449

WWPD

6/3-7/13 - Wetlands Delineation Course instructor, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Contact: Jason Daniels, 7443

6/5-6/13 – EPA and Ground Water Protection Council Aquifer Exemption Policy Meeting, Denver, Colo. Contact: Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

6/5/13 – Missouri Safe Drinking Water Commission meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Neftali Hernandez Santiago, 7036

6/10/13 – Missouri Department of Natural Resources Drinking Water State Revolving Fund annual meeting, Sedalia, Mo. Contact: Neftali Hernandez Santiago, 7036

6/11-13/13 - National Wetlands Meeting, New York, N.Y. Contact: Brad Horchem, 7137